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NANKING PROTESTS TO
BRITISH AMBASSADOR

Asked To Instruct Hong Kong
To Halt Forcible Measures

"Important
Agreement"

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Commenting on the
recently announced
Sino-Hongkong finan-
cial agreement signed
in August last year,
the Chinese-owned
"China Daily Tribune"
said this morning that
the "important agree-
ment" should check
the "heavy flight of
capital from China to
Hongkong and also
serve to lessen specu-
lation and other objec-
tionable practices".

The agreement
"should help to pre-
vent any evasion of
China's import regula-
tions and thus serve to
reduce smuggling", the
paper added.—Reuter.

Gold Bars
Seized

TWELVE BARS OF GOLD,
VALUED AT MORE THAN
\$18,000, WERE SEIZED BY
CHIEF PREVENTIVE OFFICER
MACINTYRE BROWN'S
MEN AT KAI TAK AIRFIELD
YESTERDAY.

The contraband gold was
discovered allegedly on a pas-
senger about to leave by air for
a Chinese city.
Since the total ban on im-
port and export of gold was
imposed six months ago by the
Hong Kong authorities, the
Preventive Section of the Im-
ports and Exports Department
has seized approximately 6,766
ounces of gold besides a num-
ber of gold coins—sovereigns
and US\$20-pieces.
The approximate value of the
half year's total seizures is \$2-
000,000.

Important Truman
Message Today

Washington, Jan. 5.
The White House told the United States in advance
today that the President's "State of the Union"
message to Congress would be "of extreme
importance" and announced that he would de-
liver it in person at 6.30 p.m. GMT on Wed-
nesday.

The message, calling for urgent
action on the Marshall Plan and
domestic inflation, would run to

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"Ex-Tenants" Call On
Mr. T.W. Kwok

Nanking, Jan. 6.
The Chinese Government today lodged a protest
with the British Embassy here against the
forcible measures taken by the Hong Kong
Government for the eviction of some 2,000
Chinese residents from the old walled Kow-
loon City.

Mr. Shih Chao-ying, acting
Director of the Information De-
partment of the Foreign Office,
stated that the Ministry of For-
eign Affairs protested to the Brit-
ish Embassy today about the
eviction of Chinese residents in
Kowloon City and requested the
British Ambassador to telegraph
the Hong Kong Government to
stop the forcible measures now
being taken.—Central News.

"Administrative
Matter"

Nanking, Jan. 6.
Mr. S. P. Labouchere, Coun-
cillor of the British Embassy,
said today that the Kowloon
eviction question was "purely
an administrative matter for
the Hong Kong Government."

He said the eviction order was
issued for reasons of public
health and the danger of fire.
The Chinese Foreign Office
spokesman declined to comment
on the reported Hong Kong Gov-
ernment's decision to use force
in executing its eviction order.
According to an unconfirmed
report, the Chinese Foreign
Office was expected to make new
representations to the Hong
Kong Government and make pub-
lic a statement on the negotia-
tions between the two Govern-
ments on the matter.

A well-informed source said all
previous Chinese representations
have been rejected by the Hong
Kong authorities.—United Press.

The Scene

A scene of desolation, utter
and complete, met the eye yes-
terday as one looked on the
place in Kowloon City where,
up to early on Monday morning,
had stood some 54 matchsheds
housing approximately 800 per-
sons and some knitting factories.

The work of demolition com-
menced at 7 a.m. on Monday,
was continued until 1 p.m. yes-
terday when the last wooden
shed was pulled down by the
authorities.

A considerably smaller possi-
ble of P. Her than on Monday was
present during the operations
"just to maintain law and or-
der" as a Police officer put it.

The area was littered with
broken pieces of tiles, bricks,
thin wooden boards, and broken
earthenware utensils. Here and
there were seen an abandoned
pair of slipper or clogs.

On some of the sites were
grouped the former occupiers
of the premises erected there.
Women, with babies in their
arms or at their breasts, were
squatting or sitting around their
menfolk who were discussing
their future.

Asphalt sheets, corrugated
iron sheets, wooden boards and
nails, formerly the building
materials of the matchsheds, were
being offered for sale to marine-
store hawkers.

Approached by the "China
Mail" several of the inhabi-
tants said that, for the present
at least, they have no alterna-
tive but to continue occupying
the sites "as we have nowhere
else to go."

Call On Mr. Kwok

Some 40 men, women and
children endeavoured to secure
the services yesterday of Mr. T.
W. Kwok, Chinese Special Com-
missioner (Foreign Affairs) for
Kwangtung-Kwangsi, as an inter-
venor with the Hong Kong Gov-
ernment.

They swarmed into his offices
in the Hong Kong & Shanghai
Bank building at 4 p.m. and re-
fused to discuss the matter with
the representative he sent out to
speak to them. He eventually
saw them at 7 p.m.

They demanded relief in the
form of alternative accommoda-
tion. If he could not provide
this, they asked him to negotiate
with the Hong Kong Government
for permission for them to re-
main on the land now that the
unauthorised structures and ob-
structions have been removed.

Mr. Kwok replied that the
matter was still under negotia-
tion between the Chinese and
British Governments. He would,
therefore, be unable to do any-
thing until these negotiations
were concluded.

Kowloon
City Men
Charged

Chu Pui-long, 32, described as
a farmer, and Lau Ngai-fu, 27,
described as a partner in the
Hop Hing Knitting Factory,
were brought before Mr. W. A.
Blair-Kerr, at Kowloon yester-
day.

They were charged with "in-
citing other persons to resist
H.W.E. Heath (Commanding
Officer of the Police Force in
Kowloon and New Territories),
a Police officer, and other offi-
cers of the Police when acting
in the execution of their duty
on Jan. 5."

Chu, dressed in a black Chin-
ese suit, and Lau, dressed in a
khaki battledress, presented a
very stolid exterior. They made
no reply when informed that
they were remanded for 72
hours in Police custody.
Assistant Director of Criminal
Intelligence L. R. Whang pre-
sented.

BUSY DAY FOR FIREMEN



A chimney fire which broke out at the rear of 74 Hollywood Road about 11.30 a.m. yesterday caused considerable excitement in the vicinity. It was, however, quickly put out when two appliances from Central arrived (above). Little damage was done and no one was hurt.

At about 6.30 p.m., the Fire Brigade was called out to put out another chimney fire at 6 Tung Shing Lane.

More serious damage was done by a fire in a knitting factory at 60 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, opposite the Precious Blood Hospital, at 5.25 p.m. The fire started with two bales of raw cotton in the outhouse which was burnt out. A brushing machine was seriously damaged.

Two appliances from Kowloon Fire Station put out the fire some twenty minutes after their arrival.—"China Mail" Photo.

"VAN HEUTSZ" PIRATES
DEMAND HUGE SUM

SIX PASSENGERS
STILL HELD

One hundred thousand Hong Kong dollars per
hostage has been demanded as ransom money
by the pirates who seized control of the 4,000-
ton Dutch liner, "Van Heutsz" on Dec. 14-15
some 80 miles north-east of the Colony, and
kidnapped six passengers.

This was reported in Chinese
messages from Swatow yester-
day. Confirmation was not
available in Hong Kong. Mr.
A. H. Elston, Director of
Criminal Investigation, said it
was the first he had heard of it.
Relatives of some of the hostages
told the "China Mail" that they
were still anxiously waiting for
news of kidnapped persons.

The messages from Swatow
said that the ransom letters had
been received by the hostages'
relatives in the Swatow district.
They were signed by "Chief
Pirate Ling."

The ransom demanded was
ordered to be handed over at a
certain point in Blas Bay close
to Swatow. No threats were

mentioned in letters. Neither
was there any information on
the health of the hostages.

Loot 'Sdd'

Unconfirmed reports from
Canton yesterday added that a
travelling trader from Swatow
reported that a large amount of
Hong Kong and Straits currency
was offered and sold at "very
low rates" in Swatow shortly
after the piracy. The money he
believed to have been part of
the loot taken from "Van Heu-
tsz" passengers, then estimated
at HK\$2,000,000.

The six kidnapped passengers
are Parkson Chan, Chinese
Commissioner for Overseas New
Affairs in Swatow; Tan Kit-
cheang, son of the Singapore
millionaire, Tan Kah-kee; Pak
Ki-po, manager of the Swatow
Municipal Bank, K. P. Young,
official of Wing On Insurance
branch in Swatow; Tan Cheng-
seng and Tung Kong-plat, both
officials of a local Chinese bank.

BALDUR VON
SCHIRACH'S
WIFE



Heidi von Schirach, wife of the former Hitler Youth leader, is shown in a 1947 photo. She was arrested in the postwar period for her role in the Nazi regime. The photo shows her in a dark, high-collared dress, looking slightly to the side.

Shanghai
Speculators
React Sharply

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Speculative markets generally dropped sharply
today as Washington reports suggested that
long-range United States aid to China might
surpass Marshall's earlier estimate of
\$300,000,000.

The Stock Market opened high
at CN\$225 for Wing On Textiles,
which is the pilot share. As re-
ports of "more optimistic U.S.
loan outlook" reached the mar-
ket the price dropped to CN\$200
but recovered slightly to the
CN\$215 level.

The black market rate for U.S.
Dollar hovered around CN\$100-
000 and speculators expect pos-
sible sudden spurts in the rates
in the event the Chinese Gov-
ernment makes definite pro-
nouncements regarding currency
reforms with U.S. loan funds.

Persistent but unconfirmed re-
ports say Government plans to
devote as much as US\$700,000-
000—partly from its own funds
and partly from U.S. credit—for
currency reform which specu-
lators believe would involve the
version of the present fiat into a
new currency at nominal value.
Market operators are clearly
watching American aid prospects
and the ups and downs of Con-
gress deliberations in the new
few months are expected to
cause dramatic fluctuations on
the China markets.—United Press

BURMESE
EMBASSY

Nanking, Jan. 6.
Although the date of the Bur-
mese Ambassador's arrival is yet
unknown, the Burmese Embassy
has been formally opened.

Temporarily in charge is Sao
Boun Hwa as the First Secretary.
China's first Ambassador to Bur-
ma, Dr. Tu Yu-tan, will decide
on the date of his departure
after the return of Dr. George
Yeh, Vice-Minister of Foreign
Affairs, who attended the inde-
pendence celebrations in Rangoon
as China's Ambassador-Extra-
ordinary.—Reuter-AAP.

Opium
Found
In Hams

OPIUM TRAFFICKERS IN
HONG KONG ALMOST GOT
AWAY WITH ABOUT 600
TAEL OF RAW OPIUM, IM-
PORTED FROM KUNMING
BY AIR, RECENTLY, THE
"CHINA MAIL" LEARNED
LAST NIGHT.

Three men, allegedly connect-
ed with the case, have been
charged and released on bail of
\$10,000 each.

Recently a man arrived from
Kunming with a case of Yun-
nan hams by air. The case was
entrusted to him in Kunming
to be taken delivery of by an-
other person in Hong Kong.

As he was told he could have
one ham for himself, he open-
ed the case in his home and re-
moved one. On slicing off a
portion he found it contained
opium.

The police were informed.
Five other hams in the case of
about 10 were also found to
contain raw opium.

Watch was kept and when a
claimant called for the case he
was arrested. The two other
men were arrested later.

China's Progress In
Communications

Nanking, Jan. 6.
Communications Minister Yu Ta-wei told the
United Press today that he believed greater
progress was made during 1947 in the de-
velopment of China's communications than in
any similar period during the last 50 years.

He said that despite constant
Communist destruction the total
number of rail miles constructed
during the year exceeded the
number of miles destroyed.
Yu said that when the rail
gap between Chenchow and
Nanchang is restored the re-
habilitation of all railroads in
South China will have been
completed. He said the com-
pletion of this gap had "first
priority" in the programme of
the Communications Ministry
for 1948.

Detailing the record of ac-
complishments during the past
year, Yu pointed out that the
Peiping-Kaiwan-Suiyang rail-
road, which is 800 kilometres
long, has been reopened with
all former temporary bridges
replaced by permanent steel
spans; the Taiwan-Pukow rail-
line of 400 kilometres has been
completed and opened to traffic;
in South China the Hongyang
line of 400 kilometres long was
completed in the same period,
while the Nanking-Shanghai
and Hankow-Canton links have
been greatly improved and at
present equal if not superior to
the prewar condition.

He said the railway rehabili-
tation programme is divided
into three stages: (1) sufficient
restoration of roads so that the
first train can pass through;
(2) restoration of roads and
service to the prewar standards;
(3) modernisation of the ser-
vice beyond the prewar stan-
dards.

Not only will back pay not be
paid out but increased wages will
not be paid until, at the earliest,
the end of February on pro-
bably, and of March on proba-
bly, the working out of the new
scale and grades will neces-
sarily be a long process. Pay-
ment of salaries for January,
possibly February, will conse-
quently be made on the current
scale of establishment.

Other Fields

Turning to achievements in
other fields, Yu said the build-
ing of a new concrete railway in

the Lungwa airfield which had
greatly improved air facilities
at Shanghai; the development
of Tangku harbour in the past
winter to a point where it could
handle 3,000 to 5,000 ton ships;
the building of a new wharf
near Woosung which would
permit cargoes from abroad to
be shipped directly to Nanking
and interior points; the in-
creased speed and efficiency of
the postal and telegraph ser-
vice.

As an example of the diffi-
culties encountered by the Gov-
ernment in the railroad re-
habilitation programme in face
of Communist destruction, Yu
pointed out that the Peiping-
Faojing railroad was built seven
times during the past year.—
United Press

The Weather

An intense depression has developed
over the north of the Sea of Japan and
is at present almost stationary. A weak
anti-cyclone centred over Chekiang is
moving very slowly eastwards. Pressure
is low over equatorial regions.

Today's forecast—Light or moderate E
winds, fine and hazy.

Yesterday's weather—

Maximum: 49.1 deg. F.
Minimum: 31.4 deg. F.
Sunshine: 6.4 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total place Jan. 1-11.
As against an average of 6.2 mm.
6.2 mm.

ACCUSED TELLS OF QUARREL WHICH ENDED IN A BLOW

In a statement from the dock, Lit Chun alias Ng Chun, who is facing a charge of murder, admitted in a statement from the dock yesterday that in the course of a fight, alleged to have been instigated by the deceased, Ng Shui, he struck deceased a blow which caused the latter to fall backwards and that when he passed the spot next morning, he saw the body of deceased in the nullah with water flowing over it.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by Det. Insp. G. E. Willerton, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

The accused, who is charged with having murdered Ng Shui at Aberdeen on July 28, is defended by Mr. Percy Chen, who has been assigned for the defence by the Crown.

In the course of his statement, Lit said that on the night of July 28 he started to return home, accompanied by the deceased, Ng Shui. They talked about family matters and deceased brought up the quarrel between their wives. Lit said that he was warned to reproach his wife and informed that if he did not do so, he would not be given any "face" by deceased.

"Face"

Lit declared that he then told deceased that as they were both making a living, there was no question about "face." He also mentioned that they had never quarrelled before and that he had never talked about deceased.

He pointed out to deceased that the latter had told his wife that he, Lit, had obtained rice from him on credit, whereas it was the No. 1 foreman who gave him rice on credit. Lit said that he remonstrated with deceased for having acted in such a manner. After he had spoken thus to deceased, the latter abused him and struck him. Lit, two blows on the chest.

He then asked deceased: "How have I offended you?" deceased picked up two stones and threw them.

Lit asserted that he then ran away and went up the hill where two women were resting on the roadside. Deceased, who was following close behind, stopped near the women and shouted: "Younger brother, you need not

Struck By Stick

Deceased proceeded to return to Tai Hang and he followed. He was suddenly struck from behind by deceased with a stick.

A struggle for the stick then took place, during which Lit was kicked into a nullah by deceased.

As the latter was standing on guard at the top of the nullah, his only means of escape was to run downwards. When he did this, he was pursued by deceased, who was still holding the stick.

He snatched the stick from deceased and started to climb the hillside. As he did so, deceased caught hold of his feet. To free himself, he struck deceased on the hand and the latter fell backwards. He took no more notice of deceased return that night and enquired of the neighbours and a clansman regarding deceased's whereabouts.

Wept

The following morning, on his way to work, he saw the body of deceased in the nullah. He went down and called out to deceased, but received no reply. He felt very sorry and wept.

As the water was flowing over the body he moved it. Lit claimed that he had only come out from the country recently and knew nothing about the laws of Hong Kong. He did not think of making a report to the Police about the incident. He was so frightened that he lost his senses and even overlooked making a report to deceased's family.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today, when the closing address will be delivered and Mr. Justice Williams will sum up to the jury.

Police Reserve

ENLISTMENT
(a) Resignation of duties
A.P.P. (R) Tse Hock On's leave expires on the 4th January, 1948. He will resume the duties of O.C. No. 2 Company with effect from 5.1.48.

(b) Appointments
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Chan Ching Chiu to be an Assistant Superintendent of the Hong Kong Police Reserve with effect from 22.12.47.

A.P.P. (R) Chan Ching Chiu has been posted as Officer-in-charge of No. 4 Company H.K.P. (R).

LECTURES
Lectures on Charge Room Duties will be held at the H.K.P. (R) Headquarters for members detailed from No. 2 Company on Tuesday, 6.1.48 at 17.45 hours sharp. Member detailed are hereby ordered to attend these lectures without fail.

The same lecture will be held on Thursday, 8.1.48 at 17.45 hours sharp for members detailed from No. 4 Company.

PART II Training
Lectures on Police Regulations will be given to recruits and members of No. 4 Company every Monday and Thursday at 17.30 hours sharp under S.I. (R) Chan Ying Pan, at the H.K.P. (R) Headquarters.

By ORDER
Sd/- G. ROLPH
Adjutant, P. R.
Hong Kong Jan. 5, 1948.

Excuse Fails

That his wife had run away with another man and he had returned to Hong Kong to find her was the excuse offered to Mr. J. G. Conklin by Leung Fook when he appeared at Central Magistrate yesterday on a charge of breach of a deportation order. Defendant was sentenced to six months hard labour and to be rebated at the termination of his sentence.

Insp. H. Brownrigg prosecuted.
New York, Jan. 6.
Crude rubber futures closed unchanged to 10 higher with sales of 157 contracts. March 22.40, May 21.30 July 21.35, September 20.90. No. 1 ribbed, smoked sheets 23 nominal.—Associated Press.

"At Home" To Lady Grantham

The Committee of the Hong Kong Women's International Club will be "At Home" to the Club's Honorary President, Lady Grantham, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Club Rooms in Gloucester Building. Lady Grantham is scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m.

It was announced yesterday that from next month, her mid-day meals will be served at the Club. At present, only light refreshments—sandwiches, home-made cakes, tea and coffee—are served between 8.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays only.

Women guests are temporarily not permitted owing to lack of additional space, but gentlemen for ten and coffee between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and from 4 p.m. onwards. Guest cards, however, are available for friends passing through the Colony.

Drunken Driver Fined \$ 500

For driving a motor vehicle in Queen's Road Central at 9.15 p.m. on Monday while under the influence of drink, to such an extent that he was incapable of having proper control of the vehicle, Chee Chi-hung was fined \$500 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate yesterday.

Mr. d'Almada also ordered the suspension of his licence for one year.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on Jan. 5: P. A. R. & C. M. \$40. Grand total \$3,734,025.76.
The donation of \$1,000 from China Emporium Ltd. (received on Dec. 12, 1947) was their second donation.

DONATIONS

The Boys' and Girls' Club Association acknowledges, with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions:—
Hong Kong Social Welfare Council \$3,000.00, B. Bernacchi \$1,000.00, Tse Hock On Club \$500.00, To H. \$70.00, Roy Farrell Export & Import Co., Ltd. \$30.00, Anon. \$30.00, Wang Kee & Co. \$500.00, Diocesan Boys' School \$400.00, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs \$2,000.00, Gilman & Co., Ltd. \$250.00, True Light Girls' School \$754.10.

Unofficial Justices of the Peace were entertained to dinner by His Excellency The Governor at Government House last night. Sir Alexander Grantham will be host at a similar party to be held there this evening.

Passengers leaving Hong Kong for Tsingtao are no longer required to possess valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

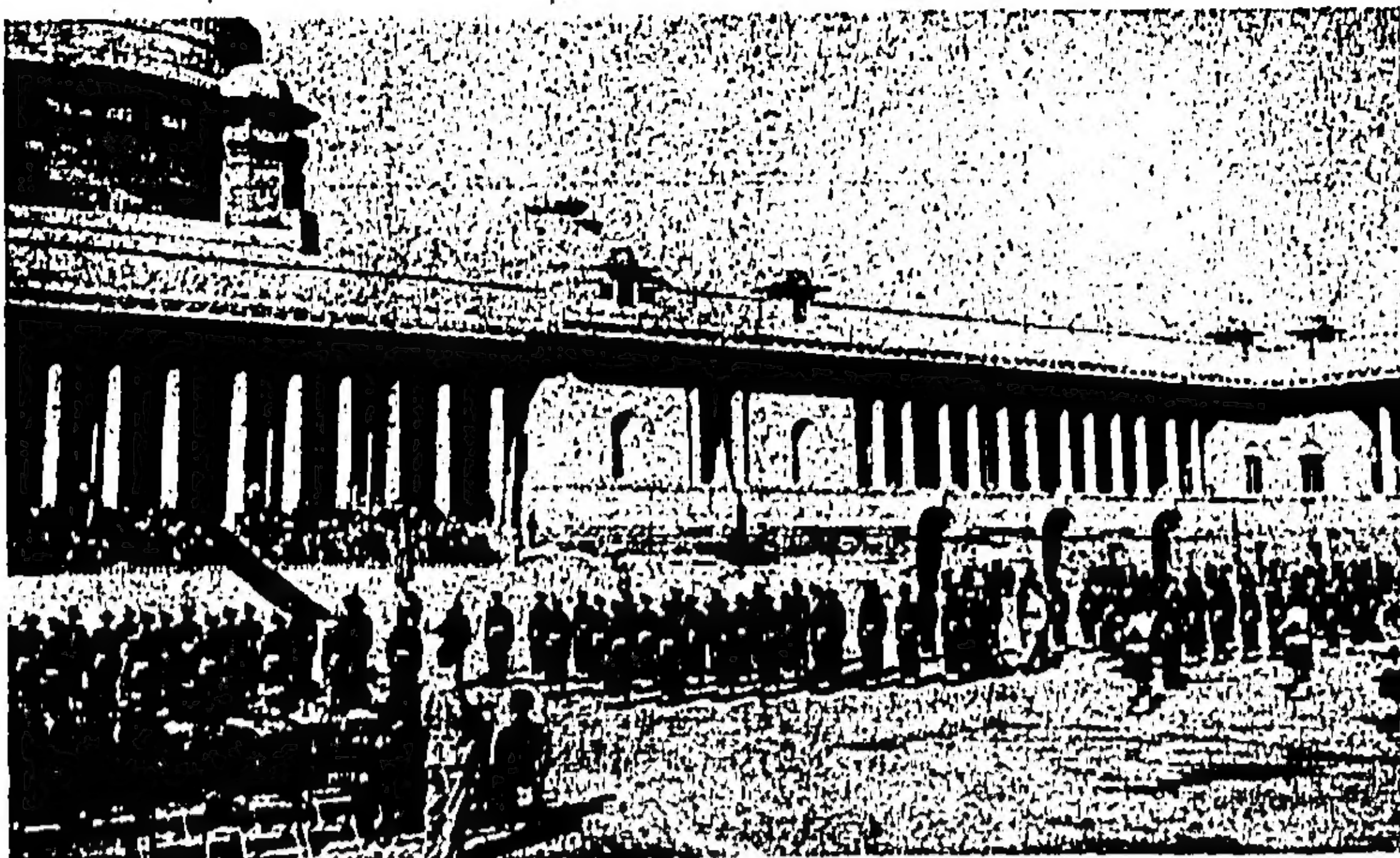
B.O.A.C. Reveal A Big Deficit

London, Jan. 6.
The British Overseas Airways Corporation lost \$3,076,844 during the year ending March 31, 1947, it was announced today.

The loss will be a considerable burden for the taxpayer, according to the annual report of the Corporation, one of Britain's three main State-controlled air services. The report followed announcement of the loss of \$2,000,000 by the British European Airways. It said that the main causes of the deficit were the multiplicity of the types of uncommercial aircraft which the Corporation had used, the delay in the delivery of "Tudor" aircraft and the consequent changes in plans, "with their financial repercussions."

"An outstanding reason for the losses is that, with the present types of aircraft, even with a high load factor, costs are too high for direct operating costs," the report said.
Heavy deficits would inevitably continue until the Corporation had aircraft and the facilities to make it "financially self-supporting in a highly competitive international business."
The report said the Corporation had "a good record of safety" over its 270,000,000 passenger miles in the year.
The loss represents a little more than 600-650 passenger miles.

Farewell Parade In India



The farewell parade of the last Battalions of the British army to be stationed in Delhi, India—the First Battalion the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and the Second Battalion the East Lancashire Regiment—was held in the forecourt of Government House on Dec. 19. Photo shows a general view of the force lined up before Government House as Earl Mountbatten inspects last line of soldiers. (He can just be seen slightly right of centre, walking down the line.) (A.P. Photo.)

Stassen Outlines Foreign Policy

New York, Jan. 6.

The Republican foreign policy programme should include the calling of a United Nations Convention in 1950 to re-write the United Nations Charter, in particular to eliminate the big power veto in the Security Council, said Mr. Harold Stassen, a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, today.

Mr. Stassen, speaking to a group of young men, outlined a five-point programme which, he said, could by 1955 "result in the inability of the Kremlin to wage an aggressive war and would diminish Communist strength in other nations."

His proposals included:
1. — The imposition of curbs on excessive credit in the United States to decrease the deflation.

"Prosper" In Port

The s.s. Prosper, detained by the Chinese Customs authorities in Amoy for 10 days following the discovery of a Communist agent on board, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

The ship was visited by insurance officials, the local agent's representative and the local Norwegian Consul to whom details of the detention and the attitude of the Customs officials were related.
The Captain declined to grant Press representatives an interview.
The Customs authorities imposed a CN\$4,000,000,000 fine which the Captain, following representations in Shanghai by the Norwegian Ambassador to China, agreed to pay under protest.
The ship sails today for the Straits.

DROVE WITHOUT LICENCE

Han Hung-po and Yip Wah, watchmen, appeared before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistrate yesterday and were fined \$250 and \$200, respectively. Han was charged with driving a car without a licence and driving a car without the consent of the owner. Yip was charged with aiding and abetting first defendant.
Both defendants pleaded guilty. Insp. Brownrigg prosecuted.

Mr. A. Sainsbury for the prosecution said that the gold was found on the person of defendant when searched on the arrival of the "Canton" in November. When they were asked if they had anything to declare they replied in the negative.
The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quin, who appeared for the defendants, said that both defendants were respectable people who had been born in Penang. They were on their way to Canton. First defendant was a married woman. She was given the gold by her father-in-law as a wedding present in 1941 and kept it through the Japanese occupation.

She left Penang on Nov. 11. There was litigation with some of her husband's brothers and she feared that her gold might be attached so she kept it intending to bring it to the country.
Second defendant was her sister-in-law and a school teacher. The gold was given to her in 1942 by her mother and she was taking it to the country hoping later to send for her sisters who were entitled to a share of the gold.
Mr. d'Almada then dealt with the section of the Ordinance and said that the penalty had been provided and circumstances of the case must be taken into consideration with regard to confiscation.

Not Racketeers

Defendants were not dealers in gold nor racketeers. Hiding the gold as they did was for safe keeping and not to prevent detection as any one would know that they could not get through the vigilant Revenue Officer. He had been instructed to state that they were ignorant in what they did.
In view of the fact that the value of the gold was about \$40,000, forfeiture would be about the maximum allowable. He asked that the corporation order be made.

RAID ON OPIUM DIVAN

A raid conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew at 4 p.m. on Jan. 5 at 29 and 31 Woosung Street, first floors, resulted in the arrest of Wong Ming, 30, and 14 opium addicts.

Wong, booked on the charge of keeping a divan at 31 Woosung Street, and possession of two mace of prepared opium, failed to appear in Court and had his bail of \$500 estreated by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Two of the smokers who answered to the charge of smoking were fined \$20 each. The other 12 had their bail of \$25 each estreated.

Inspector J. Orem applied for the confiscation of the six pipes, six lamps and 43 small pots of opium seized.

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Sentence Deferred In Gold Bar Case

Sentence was deferred to Thursday by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistrate yesterday in the s.s. "Canton" Gold Case in which two Chinese women, Lo Lye-yin and Lo Foon-yung, pleaded guilty to importing twelve bars of gold into the Colony.

Mr. A. Sainsbury for the prosecution said that the gold was found on the person of defendant when searched on the arrival of the "Canton" in November. When they were asked if they had anything to declare they replied in the negative.
The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quin, who appeared for the defendants, said that both defendants were respectable people who had been born in Penang. They were on their way to Canton. First defendant was a married woman. She was given the gold by her father-in-law as a wedding present in 1941 and kept it through the Japanese occupation.

She left Penang on Nov. 11. There was litigation with some of her husband's brothers and she feared that her gold might be attached so she kept it intending to bring it to the country.
Second defendant was her sister-in-law and a school teacher. The gold was given to her in 1942 by her mother and she was taking it to the country hoping later to send for her sisters who were entitled to a share of the gold.
Mr. d'Almada then dealt with the section of the Ordinance and said that the penalty had been provided and circumstances of the case must be taken into consideration with regard to confiscation.

Stage Club Casting

With the production of "The Man Who Came To Dinner" in full swing, there is a very good opportunity for newcomers to walk into a part in the Stage Club's latest radio play. The casting meeting will take place at 8.30 p.m. today in the Missions to Seamen and will be for another Blat play called "Mr. Supple and Mr. Strait." There is, unfortunately, only one lady's part in this play but about seven for men.
Any newcomers will be very welcome, and they are reminded that the Stage Club's regular radio plays are the most fruitful recruiting ground for the larger productions.

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6. Forms of application may be completed in the office of the Education Department, third floor, Windsor House. Intending candidates should call in person on any weekday (except Saturday) between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. before 17th January bringing with them their academic certificates, two photographs (passport size) and birth certificates. Applications made on or after 17th January will not be accepted.

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Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1947.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

It is proposed to hold a meeting on Thursday January 22nd at 6 p.m. at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Mezzanine Floor) to discuss the future of the Society. All those who have at any time served in any capacity as Officers of the Society or are otherwise interested are invited to attend and to send their names by January 14th to Mrs. Mackichan c/o A.S. MACKICHAN Esq., Leigh & Orange, P & O Building, HONGKONG.

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RUSSIAN DEMAND REJECTED

British Views On Japan Peace Treaty

American Stand Unaltered

London, Jan. 6. Britain rejected today a renewed Russian demand for a four-power Foreign Ministers' meeting to prepare a Japanese peace treaty and reaffirmed her view that the settlement should be drafted first by the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission.

A Foreign Office spokesman said this country favoured neither the Soviet proposal nor the Chinese plan.

China had called for a conference of the 11-nation FEC members but simultaneously insisted that decisions should be subject to unanimity of Britain, America, China and Russia.

Russia's note to China was reported to be under study in Washington.

Authorities on Far Eastern affairs in Washington said that although Russia now agreed that other members of the Far

Eastern Commission should be called in on a "consultative" basis, the latest proposal represented no fundamental change in Russian policy.

Informed opinion was that the United States would stand by its original proposal that all Far Eastern Commission nations should participate in the peace conference with identical voting power.

Meanwhile the State Department today denied that the United States had made any secret agreements with Russia or any nations regarding possible distribution of Japanese reparations.

The Department's statement said the United States acted

ACID THROWING IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Jan. 5. Acid and bottles were thrown at office workers on their way to work in some parts of north and south Calcutta while 21 persons arrested by the authorities after minor disturbances by strikers in various parts of the city.

A moving bus was attacked, injuring some passengers, and a tram set afire. —Reuter.

unilaterally to distribute the 30 per cent of the Japanese reparations pool which was available then to the four principal war-devastated countries.

This action was taken after Russia had rejected several American reparations proposals in the Far Eastern Commission. However, Russia was not included in the four countries which received such reparations—China, Great Britain for Malaya and Burma, the Netherlands for the Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines.

The Department statement said, "This unilateral directive constitutes the only United States policy now in force as to distribution of Japanese reparations shares at this time." —Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

Hamburg, Jan. 5. The dismissals of Germans in official and semi-official positions in the British Zone of Germany on "denazification" grounds was discontinued as from Jan. 1 this year, according to a British official announcement here today. —Reuter.

Tangible Results In Indonesia

Batavia, Jan. 5. "Tangible results" had been obtained in the talks during his stay, Dr. Louis Beel, the Netherlands Premier, who is returning to Holland tomorrow after his "routine" visit to Indonesia, told correspondents today.

But the future of the Indonesian Republic was a "dark cloud"



Jacob Koenig (right) and Ernst Lemmer (left), leader and co-leader respectively of the Christian Democratic Union in the Soviet Zone of Germany who were recently ousted by the Russians, confer during a press conference they gave at the Party Headquarters in Berlin on Dec. 23. Lemmer told the newsmen it was impossible for their Party to carry on as an independent party in the Russian Zone. This leaves the Soviet-sponsored, Communist-dominated social unity party as the only major political party in the Soviet Zone. (A Photo)

Greece Increases Armed Forces

Athens, Jan. 5. The United States and Greek Governments have agreed to the formation of 100 battalions of the National Guard and a further increase of the Greek Army by 12,000 men, Mr. Dwight Griswold, head of the United States Air Mission to Greece, announced tonight.

The Mission is studying Greek Army requirements for mountain warfare, including artillery. Mr. Griswold told M. Themistocles Sophoulis, the Greek Prime Minister, and M. Constantin Tsaldaris, the Vice-Premier, tonight.

The Mission was providing \$500,000 additional help for the Greek Army and for refugees from the Epirus fighting area, he said.

Still fighting was continuing today in the Konitza area near the Albanian frontier, authoritative military sources, stated in Athens tonight.

The guerrillas were said to be putting up a tenacious resistance round the Konitza perimeter, although they were dislodged from their stronghold in nearby Lycimoros Heights.

All their attempts to recapture this position failed. Guerrilla artillery activity was reported, but the fire was returned by Greek Government batteries supporting mopping-up operations northwest of Konitza, these sources stated. The Greek Air Force claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on the guerrillas, who were said to be leaving the heights around Borzani Bridge and withdrawing to the north. The western area of Konitza was definitely cleared, it was claimed. —Reuter.

FLOOD TOLL

Paris, Jan. 5. An estimated 1,117,000,000 francs damage and five deaths were caused by the present floods in Eastern France, it was announced today at a meeting of the General Council of the Murelle Department, which was most seriously affected by the floods. —Reuter.

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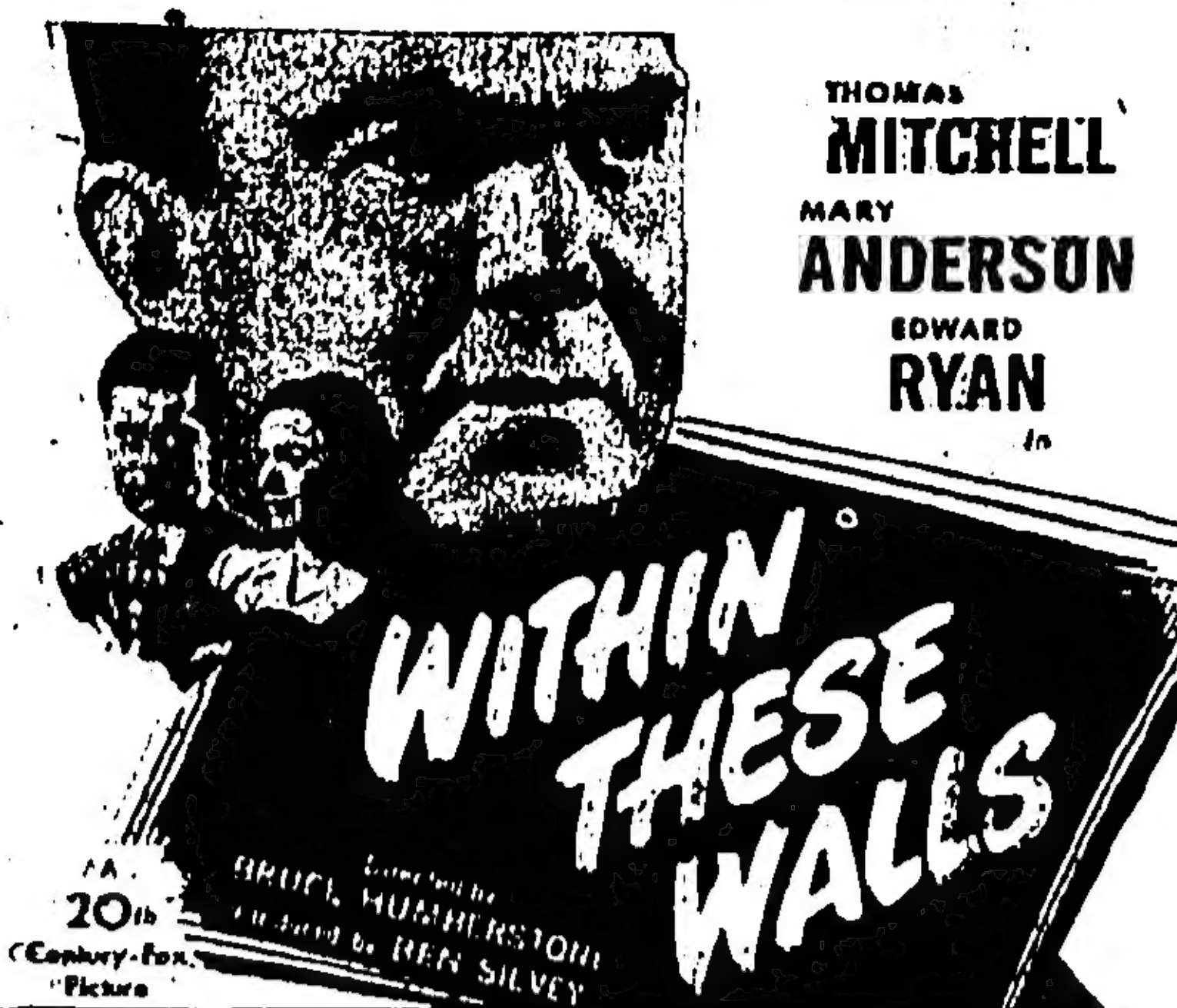


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LONDON, JAN. 5. BRITISH MINERS CAME WITHIN 300,000 TONS OF REACHING THEIR OUTPUT TARGET OF 200,000,000 TONS FOR 1947, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL FIGURES ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

They mined a total of 199,700,000 tons.

Mr. Hugh Galtakell, Minister of Fuel and Power, declared that there would be disappointment that the target had not been reached but "we were very, very near."

The provisional figures of last week's output showed that miners dug out 3,100,000 tons against the 3,400,000 tons needed to hit the target.

New Year holiday absenteeism was largely responsible for last week's abnormally low output. Three of the eight major coalfields had holidays of varying length. In other fields, the miners took time off unofficially. Some Yorkshire collieries could not open.

Although they did not hit the target, the miners, who have been making an overtime spurt since the autumn, easily beat their previous year's output which was only 191,790,000 tons.—Reuter.

U.S. Raises Shipments Of Coal

Washington, Jan. 5. United States coal exports will be increased early in February to 3,825,000 tons, the Department of Commerce announced today.

The January quota was 3,500,000 tons.

February shipments were to be divided as follows among European recipients: France 422,000 tons, Italy 702,000 tons, Belgium 405,000 tons, French North Africa 81,000 tons, Greece 18,000 tons, Netherlands 171,000 tons, Norway 18,000 tons, Portugal 72,000 tons, Sweden 207,000 tons, Switzerland 90,000 tons, Austria 36,000 tons, Venezia Giulia 18,000 tons.

In addition, parts of the January quota not taken up by Denmark, the Netherlands and Eire were to yield 45,000 tons each for Belgium and Switzerland and 18,000 tons for Italy. Coal shipments will get 108,000 tons out of the February quota.—Reuter.

SOVIET ATTACK ON TURKEY

Moscow, Jan. 5. Turkish reaction had become "the mid servant of her Wall Street masters," Pravda, official paper of the Soviet Communist Party, today charged in reporting the "Communist hysteria" in the Turkish press. Pravda said that the Turkish papers were filled "with lies about the Soviet Union and the new democracies intriguing against Turkey." This anti-Communist propaganda, Pravda alleged, was being used "in increasing doses in the vain hope to stifle the growing discontent of the masses in Turkey."—Reuter.

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Hollington Tong's Appeal

Shanghai, Jan. 6. In a radio address to Christians in China over the Christian Broadcasting Station here last night, Dr. Hollington Tong, Director of the Government Information Office, said: "Christianity today is playing a greater role in China's national life than it has ever played before." He asked them to define their stand. Never before had there been a time when so many Christians were in Government service and were holding high and powerful positions in the country's national life, Dr. Tong said.

He mentioned the names of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, General Chang Chun, the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan and Vice-Chairman of the National Government, and Dr. O. K. Yui, the Finance Minister, among the many Christians who were a central part of the governing process.

Dr. Tong urged Christians to soberly ask themselves what it would mean to Christianity and to themselves if the Communists should prevail in China.

He warned his listeners against "the Chinese Communists, who, like their fellows elsewhere, he pointed out, were an expression of anti-Christ in the Chinese national life."

"Christians have found that the present government has given them the scope and the opportunity to carry out their Christian ideals that no previous National Government has done," said Dr. Tong.

"They are a central part of the government process."

Free World

Concluding, Dr. Tong declared: "The hope of China's future depends on whether it remains a part of the free world."

"The hope of the Christian Church in China is inseparably bound with the fate of free institutions in this nation."

"As Christians, we know that, despite our trials, right will always win in the end. And its victory will mean a radiant Christian future for our people."—Reuter.

Islands Littered With H.E.

MANILA, JAN. 6. EXPLOSIVES ENOUGH TO BLOW THE CITY OF MANILA TO BITS ARE STILL SCATTERED UNTOUCHED THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND CASUALTIES FROM THE MISHANDLING OF THE REMNANTS OF ORDNANCE STOCKPILES OF THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE ARMIES—THOSE KILLED OR MAIMED EVERY WEEK—AVERAGE 30 PERSONS.

This has just been disclosed by the bomb disposal squads of the Philippine army under Captain Pablo P. Gabriel, who said 25,000 tons of explosives, furnishing an extremely dangerous but potentially rich industry for illegal users of powder, still lie all over the island, more than two years after the last war.

In Manila and the suburbs alone, according to the officer, 3,000 tons of engineering and ordnance explosives including land mines remain to be discovered and disposed of. These, he said, may yet deal sudden and violent death to the unwary.

Other places where heavy concentrations of explosives abound are Davao, Mountain Province, Batangas, Zamboanga, Manila, and Mindanao, which were once the sites of ammunition dumps or scenes of battles.—Reuter.

Racket In Silver Coins

LONDON, JAN. 6. BLACK MARKETEERS AND TAX DODGERS THREATEN TO PARALYZE EVERYDAY BUSINESS. LIFE IN BRITAIN WITH A NEW RACKET—THE HOARDING OF SILVER COINS.

Fear that the Bank of England was about to call in the present bank note issue and replace it with new notes caused a rush to amass coins, which has depleted the bank's silver coin stocks to only one-tenth of its holdings a few months ago.

Rumours have been circulating for some time that pound notes be called in and replaced by a new issue to counteract the hoarding of notes by black marketeers and tax dodgers and to stop the illegal flow of sterling notes abroad.

Ministerial answers in the House of Commons have pointed out that replacement of the present bank note issue was not imminent, but left the impression that such a move had not been ruled out completely.

Banks in several large towns have been forced to limit the amounts of silver coin issued to any one customer.—United Press.

K.C.R. Fire Suspect Arrested

Canton, Jan. 6. For setting fires on trains of the Canton-Kowloon Railway a suspect has been arrested in Shihlung, 30 miles east of Canton, and was brought to Canton last night.

He commanded about 100 men who were engaged in smuggling and banditry.

Meanwhile, Governor Wang Tung-yuan of Hunan is expected here today to discuss with Governor T. V. Soong methods of bandit suppression on the Kwantung-Hunan border and the lifting of rice embargoes from Hunan to Canton. The Governors of Kiangsi and Fukien will also come to Canton concerning joint pacification of the four provinces. Observers believe that banditry in Kwantung will be under control within three months.—Associated Press.

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Ruhr Food Strike Threatened

Duesseldorf, Jan. 6. Food strikes are threatened in many parts of the Ruhr this week after the announcement today of the week's rations—2,500 grammes of bread and 250 grammes of macaroni.

No meat or fat rations have been announced this week. Only a few people have been able to obtain their small meat or fat rations in the past few weeks.

Some 1,500 workers at the railway wagon building yard in the suburbs of Cologne stopped work today in protest against the food situation, the German news service in the United States Zone reported and strike meetings were called in several factories in Duisburg today.

In Hamburg, employers and trade union leaders decided to appeal to striking dockers to return to work immediately, declaring that the strike was illegal and interfered with Germany's food supplies from overseas.

The workers' demands—a five-day guaranteed week, 30 per cent wage increase and special food and clothing allowances—were stated to be under discussion.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 casual workers stopped work at the Hamburg docks in what Port authorities described as a Communist-inspired strike.

The men were joined by workers from two shipping lines, the Aloman Line and the Hansa Line.—Reuter.

New Base Agreement In Panama?

Panama City, Jan. 6. Panama is ready at any time to negotiate a new agreement giving the United States bases outside the canal zone for defence of the vital waterway, the new Foreign Minister, Mario de Diego said.

However, he indicated that the initiative to negotiate a new pact replacing the one rejected unanimously by the National Assembly must come from the United States. Mr. Diego said he never intended to close the door to new negotiations clarifying the statement of President Enrique Jimenez who did not think the time propitious.

Legal experts said that under the 1936 treaty the defence bases agreement need not be a solemn bilateral instrument but if emergency conditions so demand it might be reached by a simple exchange of diplomatic notes or even telephone conversation between the presidents of both countries.—United Press

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DAVIES—At Queen Mary Hospital, on January 5, 1948, to Zena, wife of Inspector D.L. Davies, Police Headquarters, a daughter, Vera Lillian.

MILITARY LANDS

Major-General Erskine's open invitation to the Government to take up actively the question of the resumption of the Military Lands which now block commercial development in the central areas of Victoria and Kowloon, can permit of little hesitation. On the island, no intelligent town planning scheme is possible without scope for expansion towards the east from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. In Kowloon, Whittfield Barracks is equally an intrusion, prohibiting progressive development of Kowloon along normal lines.

One condition is attached to the G.O.C.'s offer of support for the proposal. It is that compensatory areas are provided elsewhere for the garrison, and that fulfilment of the transfer project shall be completed at no cost to the War Office.

As a bargaining point, it is one with which this community can have little quarrel. More than twenty years ago, an independent assessor from England, valued the Military Lands at \$17,000,000. The Colony was then prepared to buy them over at that price, and to pay for the cost of all barrack accommodation on new sites. The deal did not go through, unfortunately, because the Treasury's existing surplus was dissipated in the economic crash which accompanied the 1925 General Strike.

The proposition which the G.O.C. now advances is eminently more favourable. It asks for no down cash payment: it requires no more than what is reasonable, the provision of alternative accommodation on sites acceptable to the military on the outskirts of the built-up areas of the Colony.

Lands which were valued at \$17,000,000 in 1923, conservatively estimated, are worth three or four that sum today, particularly if the negotiations can be swiftly completed, and advantage can be taken of the present boom in land values. To consider only the Murray Parade Ground and that part of the military lands fronting Queen's Road, it is obvious that the scheme would go an appreciable way to pay for itself, with a distinctly good prospect of returning a profit.

Time is the essence of the contract. And when that contract includes such enormous benefits to not only to commercial Hong Kong, but also to its aesthetic values, there can be no excuse for delaying a decision.

French Politics

General de Gaulle's speech to French working people at St. Etienne contained no surprises, but it was impressive in its quiet assurance that the French people will turn round and in no distant time to the de Gaulle ideas of constitutional reforms, a stronger government and industrial cooperation between all branches of industry, from executives to labourers.

General de Gaulle's claim that each of the six Cabinets which have been in office since he abandoned power two years ago have left the economy of the country in a more parlous condition than its predecessor must be taken to mean that the general does not believe that the present government of M. Robert Schuman is likely to be more successful than the others, despite five votes of confidence in the debate on the "Save The Franc Bill."

But the main point of his speech was his bid to enlist the support of the rank and file non-

CASTING THE NET FOR SPIVS AND DRONES

By Glanville Carew

London. Such is the shortage of essential labour at the present time—several hundred thousand jobs are urgently waiting to be done—that the Government has found it necessary to order that every man and youth, woman and girl of certain classes and ages must register in January with the Ministry of Labour.

For the present, these classes (they may be extended later if national need compels) are street traders, persons not gainfully employed and persons engaged in certain specific occupations: men aged from 18 to 50 and women from 18 to 40 are required to register.

Even within those limits there are, of course, a great many exemptions, and many citizens are earnestly studying the details. The mesh of the net is fairly small and may yet be smaller if the catch be insufficient for the country's need. At present, the exemptions do not include conscientious objectors to work but they do include married women and disabled persons: blind and deaf and dumb persons: full time students at a school, college or university, apprentices and article clerks: a minister of a religious community, and anyone who has to look after relations or friends who are unable to look after themselves. In the light of the latter exemption we may expect a great and surprising upsurge of filial and family devotion.

A Census

What it all amounts to is that the Government is to take a census of its industrial forces so that it may know just what man-and-woman-power it has at its command to meet a National emergency. It wants to know just what work Tom, Dick and Harry, Mary and Jane are doing today or are capable of doing tomorrow: whether they could more profitably be engaged in either more essential tasks, and if any of them is not working at all (not gainfully employed) it will want to know why not.

Behind all this lies the ultimate power of the Government to direct every person, whether at present employed or at leisure, to do such work as may be deemed most essential to the national good. That is a situation which has never yet existed in peace time in modern times in this country and it gives much concern to every person who talks at random about forced labour, and the feudal system,.... tyranny, serfdom and so on.

100 Years
Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

On the 23rd instant, an inquest was held at Show-ee, the Coroner and Jury being conveyed there in the Police boat, on the body of a woman named Loongsee, who was killed in the following remarkable manner:-

A large rock fell from a hill several hundred yards in the rear of her dwelling, and splitting in several pieces, one of these, after making several bounds, fell against the rough stone wall of the house and knocked it in—the woman killed, was engaged in suckling or nursing her infant, when the wall fell upon and crushed her to death.

Strange to say the infant escaped with but little hurt—a man who was sitting near the deceased likewise escaped. The Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

Marine Lot No. 65—the property of the late Mr. Thos. McKnight, Naval Storekeeper, upon which he had expended upwards of \$10,000 in shape of premium to the original purchaser—building a substantial sea-wall—filling in the ground, and building seven good China houses—the whole forming one of the best situations in the Colony, was put up to auction this morning pursuant to advertisement—and how shall we record it—knocked down for the enormous sum of \$201. We had better write it in full—Twenty Dollars!—The ground rent upon the plot is £124.16.9d, per annum, so that unless the Colony improves it will not prove a bargain even at Twenty Dollars! (Since writing the above, we have learnt that the purchaser undertakes six months back rent—some £60 to £70—but even with that, the plot yields no more than \$17 for \$10,000 invested!)

Communist trade union worker. He stressed the role which free trade unions, unhampered by any political allegiances, can play in the battle for better production, not only in factories but in the high administrative organs of the State and not only nationally but internationally. There was undoubtedly a powerful appeal in de Gaulle's exposition of his aims, though whether the country is ready for him or not at present is open to doubt.

However, we shall see what we shall see. For the present what will happen after registration is that Ministry of Labour Office will consider the case of each person involved and in some cases will offer (which means order) more essential work.

The Spivs

The inclusion of two of the classes registrable under the order attracts particular public attention: they are those no. gainfully employed and the street traders. Quite apart from persons of independent means known as such to the income tax authorities and admittedly not gainfully or otherwise employed, there are others who toil not neither do they spin yet they live well despite rationing. They are expensively clothed. They have no known employment and no known means of subsistence. Such folk may find it hard to show that they are in gainful employment but rather than be directed to essential work they are said to be doing their best to find cushy even mythical jobs. It should not be beyond the wit of the authorities to get behind these fantastic schemes—but they may work—for a time.

The street trader, who must register, is familiar to most of us. He is defined by the Ministry as one who sells articles in the street but not one who sells from door to door or delivers goods. The term also includes people who sing in the streets, street shoe-blacks, street photographers who snap passers-by—and people of that sort.

Rights of Appeal

As to the specified businesses: employers and employed must register: the businesses specified include fun fairs, places for pinball machines and automatic machines and such like amusement. Bookmakers, totalisators and pari-mutuel people. Certain types of club—must also register.

What will actually happen to the people who, so far, are called upon to register we do not know. Subject to certain rights of appeal, their fate lies in the hands of the Ministry of Labour. Despite all the professions of all sorts of people there is no real ground for supposing that anyone will be unfairly treated.

To whatever extent the order may yet be extended, and however carefully it may be drafted, some people will scheme to defeat it and some will succeed.

Hope of success in obtaining the labour required is no doubt best founded in the good will of the people. The Minister of Labour says:

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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A K Q J	N. E			
K Q 10 5	W. S			
4 2				
Q 10				

(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable.)

	West	North	East	South
Pass	1 S	Pass	2 H	
Pass	4 H	Pass	6 H	

This was one of the deals that decided the World's Championship Masters team game recently. When the small slam was made in hearts by Waldemar Von Zedtwitz his side gained 310 points, since the East-West pair at the other table stopped at 4 Hearts and made only one extra trick.

The entire play was dependent on what was done about the heart J. South led the diamond 7 against Mr.

the nation needs help, will come forward and give us their assistance." To return for a moment to the street trader. However widely the term may be defined it will surely bring first and foremost to the minds of most of us our old friend the costermonger, so named originally because once upon a time he sold costards (apples) in the street.

"Essential"

Today he is more often known as a 'spiv'. He sells us our fruit (y, though usually quite unjustly, as a 'spiv'. He sells us our fruit and vegetables and flowers from the kerb. No doubt many of him will be left undisturbed as his work will almost certainly be regarded as essential. He is usually an honest, good tempered hard-working and somewhat broadly humorous sort of fellow whom the police and the magistrates look upon with a not too stern eye. Did not a well remembered bitter-sweet librettist once write, "When the coster's finished jumping on his Mother."

"He loves to lie a-basking in the sun."—United Press.

Professor C.E.M. Joad On The Value Of New Year Resolutions

Do you see any value in the making of New Year resolutions?

Yes. It is an agreeable and gratifying exercise. To make good resolutions entails a process of riddling or sieving your character, much as a man will riddle apples or sieve coals, so that all the little bad ones, the ones that are not good enough to keep, may be sieved out and eliminated, and only what is good remain.

Now, it is fairly clear that there is a need in human nature to do this kind of thing, a need to rake over and to make confession of one's weaknesses, even if one only confesses them to oneself.

The existence of this need is one of the great reasons for the popularity—and the lack of occasional satisfaction in its ordinary life for the increasing popularity—of the Catholic religion. What fun to turn oneself inside out every now and then! How it gratifies one's egotism and flatters one's sense of self-importance, even if it does no more.

Now most of us no longer go to Church, which means that we no longer hold the doctrine of original sin and feel impelled to declare that we have "left undone those things which we ought to have done and...done those things

Doctrine We
No
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"My country also asks assurance that we won't be attacked with the daytime radio serial!"

China Preparing For The Fray

By JOHN RODERICK

Both Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek now have begun the New Year in China by calling for a purge within the ranks of their respective parties—the Chinese Communists and the Kuomintang—but each is spurred by different reasons.

Chiang told the first Kuomintang meeting of the year yesterday that disloyal elements must be eliminated. People in Nanking who know told Associated Press that Chiang in effect was cracking down on the Liberals within the Kuomintang who were discontented with the procedure of China's first national elections.

Chiang's speech was the next step logical after his January 1st message to the nation. Having flayed the Chinese Communists in this, he probably felt that he must turn his attention next to internal difficulties.

He pointed to the major defect in the Kuomintang, which political experts have been saying for years, will result ultimately in its collapse. This is the looseness of the Party's organization, coupled with its low standards of admission. The Party lost much of its power a decade ago when it made membership almost mandatory for Government workers.

Chiang proposes to correct this through reregistration of members.

Too Liberal

In North Shensi, Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung also called for a Party purge. The Communist difficulty is with conservatives, not as in Chiang's case with too much liberalism. Mao wishes to get rid of the big landlords and rich peasants who are apparently gaining more power than the Party's Central Committee likes.

The basic defect in the Party, according to Mao, is the same which plagues the Kuomintang, though in a lesser degree—that is, the relaxed rules of membership.

Both messages by China's top rival leaders, which speak of Party reorganization and Party purges, point up the fact that the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communists each have roots in the Soviet Communist system as introduced to China 20 years ago by Russian propagandist Borodin.

Secret Police

This system gets its chief support from Secret Police activities designed to silence public criticism, according to political experts. As if to underscore this basic fact, to-day's independent Chinese language newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" carried a report that 200 Secret Service men broke into the grounds of Chekiang University here two days ago and beat up students arranging for the funeral services of Yu Tse-an, a Hangchow student who died under police questioning in prison recently. Four students, three men and a girl—were badly hurt. Twenty suffered cuts and scratches. Eight assailants were captured by the students and turned over to the District Court. Associated Press.

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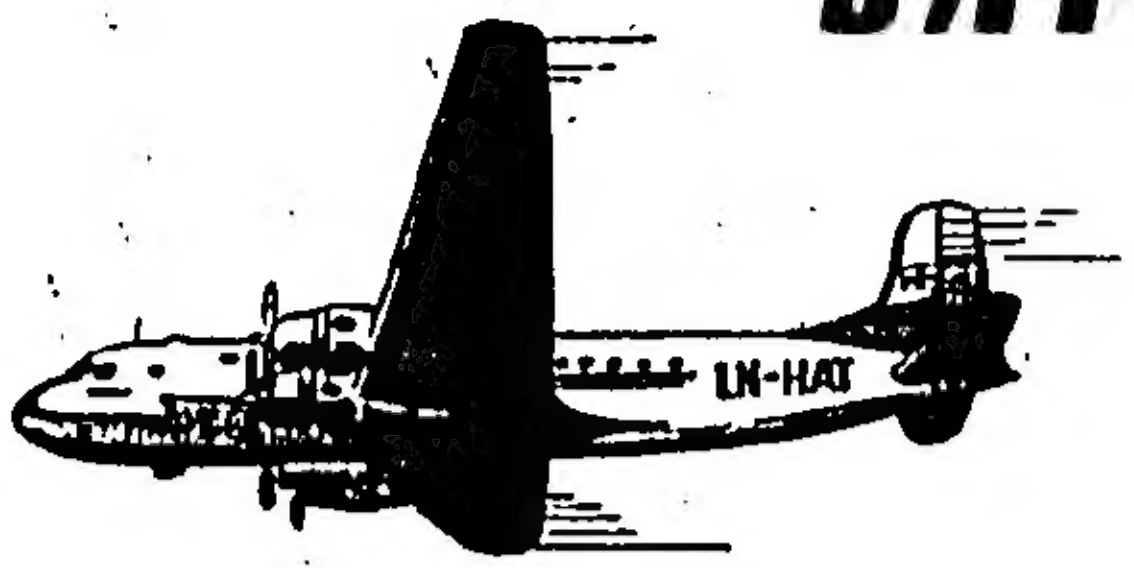
Washington, Jan. 6. The Senate Appropriations subcommittee today received brokerage records of commodity "market" dealings of Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, President Truman's personal physician. The records were obtained by a subpoena.

The subcommittee began analyzing to determine how Graham made out in wheat speculation last September. Graham has claimed to have lost money—United Press.

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SCHUMAN WINS A VICTORY

Votes Of Confidence In Assembly

"Save The Franc" Bill Passed

Paris, Jan. 5.

The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman's, six-weeks old Coalition Government emerged victorious tonight in its struggle with the Communists and the extreme Right over the Cabinet's demand for approval of the "Save the Franc" bill, designed to raise 125,000 million francs by special levy.

After a day-long debate, the Government secured all five votes of confidence from the National Assembly, which rejected five amendments to the bill. The bill was adopted by 315 votes to 268.

M. Schuman had staked the existence of his "middle of the road" Government on the rejection of these five amendments to the bill, designed to check inflation and strengthen the franc.

He asked for five expressions of confidence through the rejection of "even consideration" of the amendments put forward on Saturday by the Communists and the extreme right wing.

These amendments, he said, would all tend materially to reduce the yield of the bill, already drafted by the Government after its original proposal to impose a levy bringing in 155,000 million francs had been bitterly contested in the Assembly.

Narrow Majority

Having thus far sought to meet the objections to various provisions of the bill, M. Schuman, when faced on Saturday with a brisk fire from both flanks of the Assembly, was adamant in opposing any further major modifications.

The amendments involved exemptions from the special levy for various categories of merchants, industrialists, farmers and bombed-out citizens and other war victims.

The first series of amendments was rejected by 308 votes to 272 and the second series by 308 votes to 271.

On the third vote, the Government's majority narrowed again slightly to 309 to 277, to widen to 308 to 269 on the fourth vote. On the fifth vote, the figures were 307 to 274.

These gave majorities of 35, 37 and 32, 39 and 33 votes.

The special levy—or alternatively an obligatory purchase of non-transferable three per cent bonds—will apply to industrialists, merchants, farmers and the professional classes whose 1946 revenue exceeded 150,000 francs.

The Object

The original bill was more restricted in its scope, making the levy apply only to incomes of 750,000 francs and over.

The object of the bill is the quick withdrawal of a large sum of money from circulation, and the balancing of the 1948 budget.

After giving this series of confidence votes, the Assembly approved Article 3 of the bill, which deals with farmers' liability to the proposed special levy.

The deputies, who first assembled at 8.30 a.m. GMT, reached their decision on the first series of amendments by 11 a.m. and then adjourned until 2 p.m.

The first vote was on amendments which sought "exemptions from expenses" from the special tax for some industrialists and merchants. The second amendment sought exemptions for small farmers.

One Consideration

Before the bill had been adopted, the Premier told the Chamber: "We know we are going to vote measures which are hard, strict and sometimes even perhaps unjust towards the taxpayer, but we do not exclude the possibility of making certain modifications when we see how the application of these measures are put in practice."

M. Schuman went on: "I hope those who opposed the Government will have the satisfaction, or perhaps the adverse, of seeing the Government succeed in its task."

"After the vote is taken, I hope all of us will serve the country."

"We must be governed by only one consideration—this is France."—Reuter.

Communist Attack On Attlee

London, Jan. 6.

Britain's Communists launched a verbal attack on the Labour Government today in the wake of Prime Minister Attlee's denunciation of Communism as a "new form of imperialism" threatening the rest of Europe.

Russian Interest In East

Berkeley, Jan. 6.

DR. ROBERT J. KERNER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAID TODAY THAT SOVIET RUSSIA CANNOT ALLOW ANY OTHER GREAT POWER TO DOMINATE CHINA, JAPAN AND KOREA WITHOUT ENDANGERING ITS OWN SECURITY.

He said: "But the United States cannot permit Russia to dominate this area. To do so would mean Russian domination not only of Asia but the Pacific and would endanger the security of the United States."

Dr. Kerner believes that whether Russia became the dominant power in this area during the next century depends on the future power of the foreign policy of the United States.

"It seems clear that the main emphasis in Russian foreign policy will follow a shift of Russian economic power eastwards," he said.—United Press.

IMPORTANT TALKS IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, Jan. 6.

Preliminary discussions began here today for a conference next Wednesday of German Ministers of the British and United States zones of Germany and General Lucius Clay and General Sir Brian Robertson.

An official of the bi-zonal administration declared tonight that a French representative might take part in Wednesday's conference.

Great importance is attached to this conference following the breakdown of the Foreign Ministers conference in London last month.—Reuter.

CONSTITUTION FOR SIAM

Bangkok, Jan. 5.

A 40-man Constituent Assembly is to draw up a permanent constitution for Siam, according to a decision taken by the Parliamentary Committee appointed recently to consider the matter.

Half the Assembly membership will be from the present Parliament, while the other half will be selected by Parliament from the public.

The Assembly will be asked to submit the draft constitution within four months of starting work.—Reuter.

Children To Have Important Rights

Belgrade, Jan. 6.

YUGOSLAV CHILDREN HAVE IMPORTANT NEW RIGHTS UNDER A LAW GOVERNING THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEIR PARENTS PASSED BY THE YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENT.

The law was passed primarily in the interests of children, but it also stated that the authorities "do not forget that marriage and family are important institutions of social life and under the protection of the State."

The provisions of this law, therefore, are not aimed at weakening these institutions, but rather, at "strengthening and consolidating them."

The new law condemned the "pre-war patriarchal conception of family." Henceforth, both parents will have equal rights and duties towards their children and maternal inferiority is eliminated.

It also guarantees equal rights for all children, whether born in or out of wedlock.

A child ceases to be a minor at the age of 18, but the new law states that parental control over a child may be extended if the child's physical or mental condition requires it.—Reuter.

MALAYA RUBBER STATISTICS

Singapore, Jan. 6.

Rubber exports from the Malayan Union for November, 1947, totalled 64,435 long tons. Of this amount 39,007 long tons was shipped to foreign ports and 25,428 went to Singapore, the Registrar of Statistics for the Malayan Union reported.

Rubber imports during the same period were 4,150 long tons, mostly from Sumatra.

Stocks on hand as of Nov. 30 were 80,275 long tons.

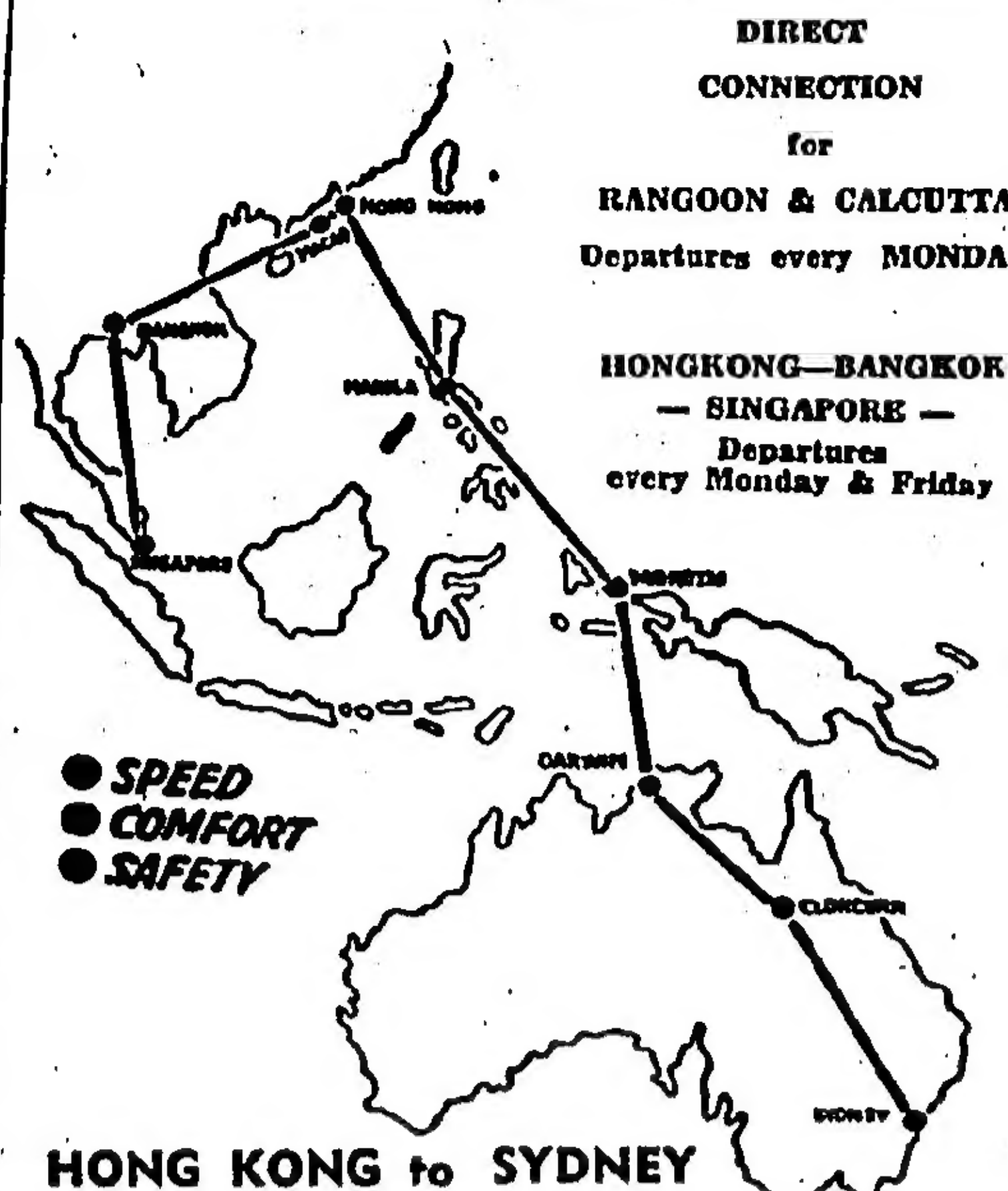
Rubber stockpiles decreased 6,136 long tons over the period Oct. 30 to Nov. 30.—Associated Press.

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Italian police are seen arresting a citizen (centre), when they attempted to disperse the crowd gathered in Piazza Colonna, in Rome, on the first morning of the general strike. There was no indication of a demonstration and the crowd consisted mainly of persons curious to see "what would happen" (A.P. Photo).



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"PILLOW PREGNANCY" CASE Extraordinary Story In Divorce Lurid Details In Ankara Court

Istanbul, Jan. 6.
Newspapers and citizens here this week have been wagging their respective tongues over the lurid details of the trial in criminal court of the "case of the pillow pregnancy."
According to testimony brought out in court Kemal Temizhan was a devoted husband who loved his wife, Fatma. He loved her until he discovered that she would never bear him a child. Then he began to leave his wife at home in the nights and seek entertainment elsewhere.

IT WAS FUNNY

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.
"Funny," said a young Copenhagen housewife, to her girl friend as they were bicycling in a suburban street, "to-day it is exactly one year since I was taken to the hospital the last time."
The next moment she crashed into a parked car, bumped her head and was taken to the hospital right away.—Associated Press.

Warning To China

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
In a lecture here yesterday Dr. Meng Hsien-chang, a Central Bank economic expert, warned that China must not give up her veto right at the forthcoming Japanese peace conference, in order to prevent a repetition of "the tragedy of the Versailles conference wherein China was secretly betrayed by the participating powers."
Dr. Meng also said there was little chance of pushing through such proposals as the return of the Ryukyu Islands to China if China surrendered the veto power.
Among the nine points which he thought should be included in the Japanese treaty were the allocation of 50 percent of the total Japanese reparations goods to China, abolition of the Tenna system, return of the Ryukyu Islands to China and the outlawing of all kinds of secret societies.—Reuter.

Now Fatma loved her husband dearly too, according to her own testimony. She mourned the fact that she could bear him no child. She knew that he loved children and more than anything else in the world wanted a child of his own. She decided to go to a doctor to see what could be done. Nothing could be done, said the doctor, and she went from one doctor to another. Finally she found Dr. Asim Omar, said trial testimony, and he told her something could be done. For 5,000 lira (£500) he promised to arrange a pregnancy and a baby. In order to hold her beloved husband, Fatma agreed.

Daughter "Born"

Kemal was overjoyed when his wife told him that at last a blessed event was in the making, said court testimony. In fact he became a devoted husband again and even agreed to the strange orders of the new doctor that as husband and wife they were now to sleep in different rooms and because of her nervous and delicate condition he was not to touch her.
As months went by, anxious Kemal saw his wife go off to visit the new doctor regularly and watched signs of her "delicate" pregnancy increase. Then, one fateful day, a telephone call came to his office that his wife suddenly felt pains, was carried off to the hospital and a daughter was born.

Off Kemal dashed to the hospital and was so glad that he was not suspicious. Not even when he saw his new daughter had dark hair and skin, while both he and his wife were blond and fair.
Later the difference became so great he began to doubt and one day accused his wife of being unfaithful. Fatma burst into tears and in order to protect her honor, confessed. No, she wept, she had not been unfaithful but the pregnancy was a pillow swindle. The baby, she confessed, had been bought from its gypsy mother for 300 lira.

Husband's Decision

In a towering rage Kemal beat his wife and left her, according to testimony. He dumped his rage upon Dr. Omar, had him dragged into court and accused him of creating his own wife's pregnancy with padding to earn 5,000 lira.
The court, which has been deliberating the case in alternative sessions for months, still has not reached a decision. But Kemal, the man who love children, has reached his.
Of his wife, who strapped pillows and bought a baby to hold his love, who is now in hospital suffering nervous collapse, he wants to hear no more. There must be a divorce, he says.
But the baby produced by this pillow pregnancy, "...is now my daughter. I love her and want to keep her."—United Press.

Russians Boycott Little Assembly

Lake Success, Jan. 5.
The United States today made a double-barrelled plea for conciliation with Russia when the United Nations "Little Assembly," boycotted by the entire Soviet bloc, met for the first time.
The United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, in the first speech from the floor, asked the Soviet bloc to end the boycott. He assured the Soviet states that they "have nothing to fear" from the new American-inspired agency.
A short time later, Mr. Austin proposed that the Little Assembly delay consideration of the dynamite-laden veto problem until after March 15. The delay would allow Russia time to "think it over" and perhaps join the Little Assembly, which is a committee composed of most United Nations members outside the Soviet bloc. It is set up to meet when the Assembly is not in session.
It was considered unlikely that Moscow would end the boycott. The recently-ended United Nations General Assembly created the Little Assembly at the request of the United States.

Rates Go Up In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, JAN. 6.
TO KEEP UP WITH THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL, ALL PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES IN SHANGHAI THIS MORNING ANNOUNCED INCREASED RATES.
It was stated that in future rates will be based on automatic formulae approved by the National Economic Council in Nanking.
Under these formulae electricity rates are calculated according to three factors—fuel costs, metal index and living index; water rates are calculated according to fuel, electricity, foreign exchange and the living index; telephone rates are calculated according to the metal index and the living index and the rates are calculated according to fuel, foreign exchange and the living index.—Reuter.



Adjutant Dorothy Stevens of the Salvation Army performed the unusual ceremony of marrying her brother at the Congress Hall, Clapton, London, on Dec. 27. The bridegroom was Peter Stevens, handsman with the Salvation Army, and Janet Henry, a nurse. Adjutant Stevens travelled from Germany to officiate at the Salvation Army wedding. The groom is wearing the uniform of a Sergeant Royal Engineers. (A Photo)

WASHINGTON TALKS ON AID FOR CHINA

Washington, Jan. 6.
State Department experts and Chinese officials will meet today to work out details of how the US\$18,000,000 United States interim aid to China will be spent.

The meeting is expected to result in definite determination of categories of supplies to be furnished under this credit, as well as actual tonnages for each item.

So far only two items—food and fertilizer—have been definitely agreed upon to come within the scope of this "stop-gap" programme. It was expected that some petrol and cotton may be included if the Chinese are unable to find enough suitable food during the three months of the programme.

The Chinese have been allocated 58,000 tons of rice for the first six months of this year and it was expected that some of the interim money would be used to pay for about half of this rice.

Long-Range Plan

Informed circles said no industrial equipment or other "non-expendable" material would be included in interim aid because of the desire to abide by the "stop-gap" nature of the measure.
Meanwhile, State Department officials were working on details of the long-range 15-month

Shanghai Cabaret Closure

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Half the number of local commercial dance halls and cabarets will close down by drawing lots before the end of March and commercial ballrooms and cabarets will entirely disappear by the end of September, it is reported today.

To make the necessary preparations for the gradual closure of the dance halls, Dr. Wu Kai-hsien, the Commissioner of Social Affairs, has called a meeting of cabaret owners for this afternoon.

The Commissioner disclosed that detailed regulations governing the banning of commercialized dancing in Shanghai have long been approved by the central authorities but have been withheld from promulgation due to repeated appeals from local cabarets for postponement of the ban until after the New Year.—Reuter.

Prediction For Shanghai

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Mayor K.C. Wu predicted "better conditions in Shanghai this year" when addressing the first monthly 1948 meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Government staff members.
He recalled that during the past year the municipal authorities exerted most of their efforts in solving disputes and unexpected events in order to maintain peace and security in this city.
Conditions this year will probably be better than last year, he added, and, therefore, more emphasis "will be laid on municipal reconstruction."—Reuter.

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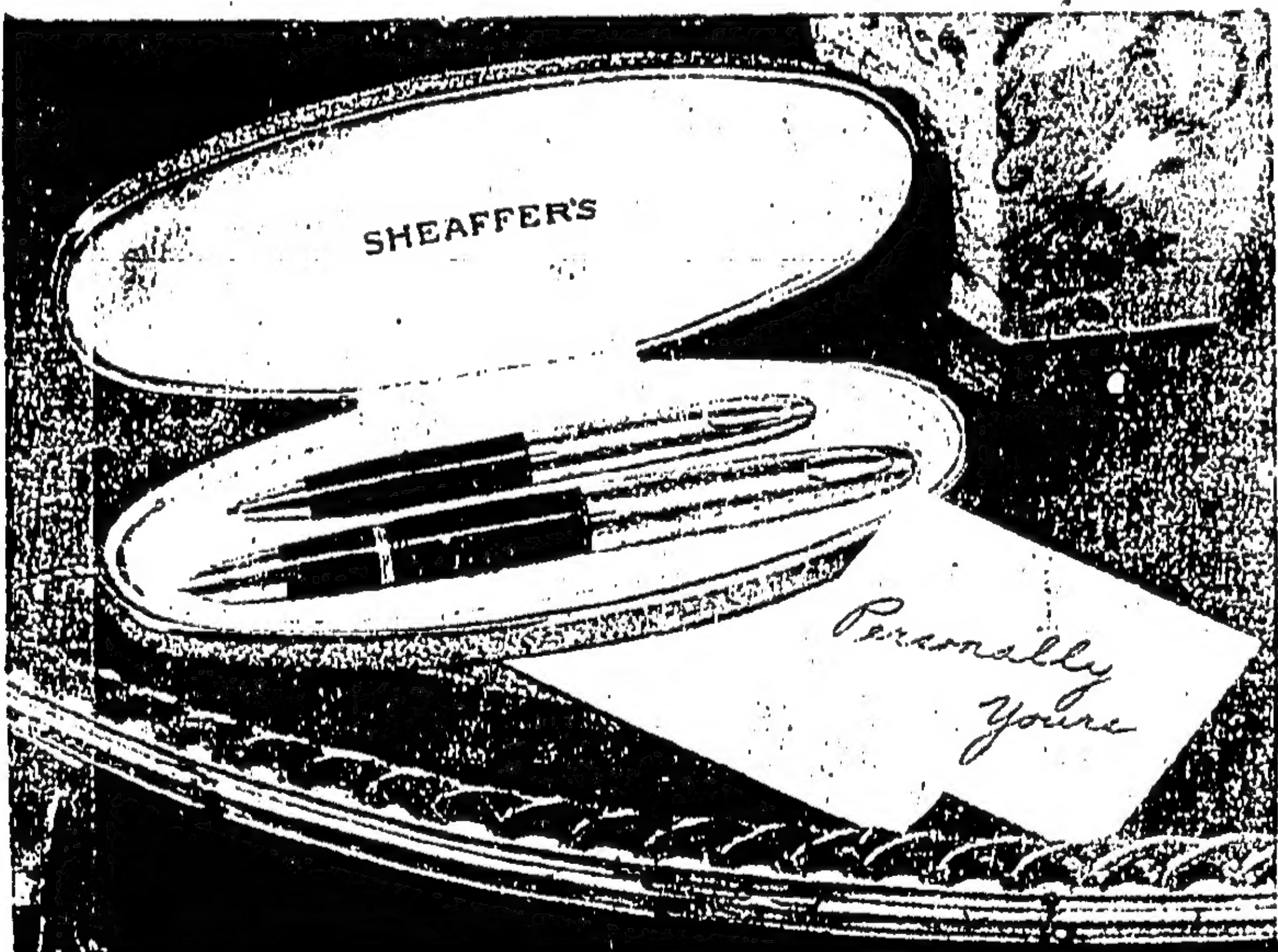
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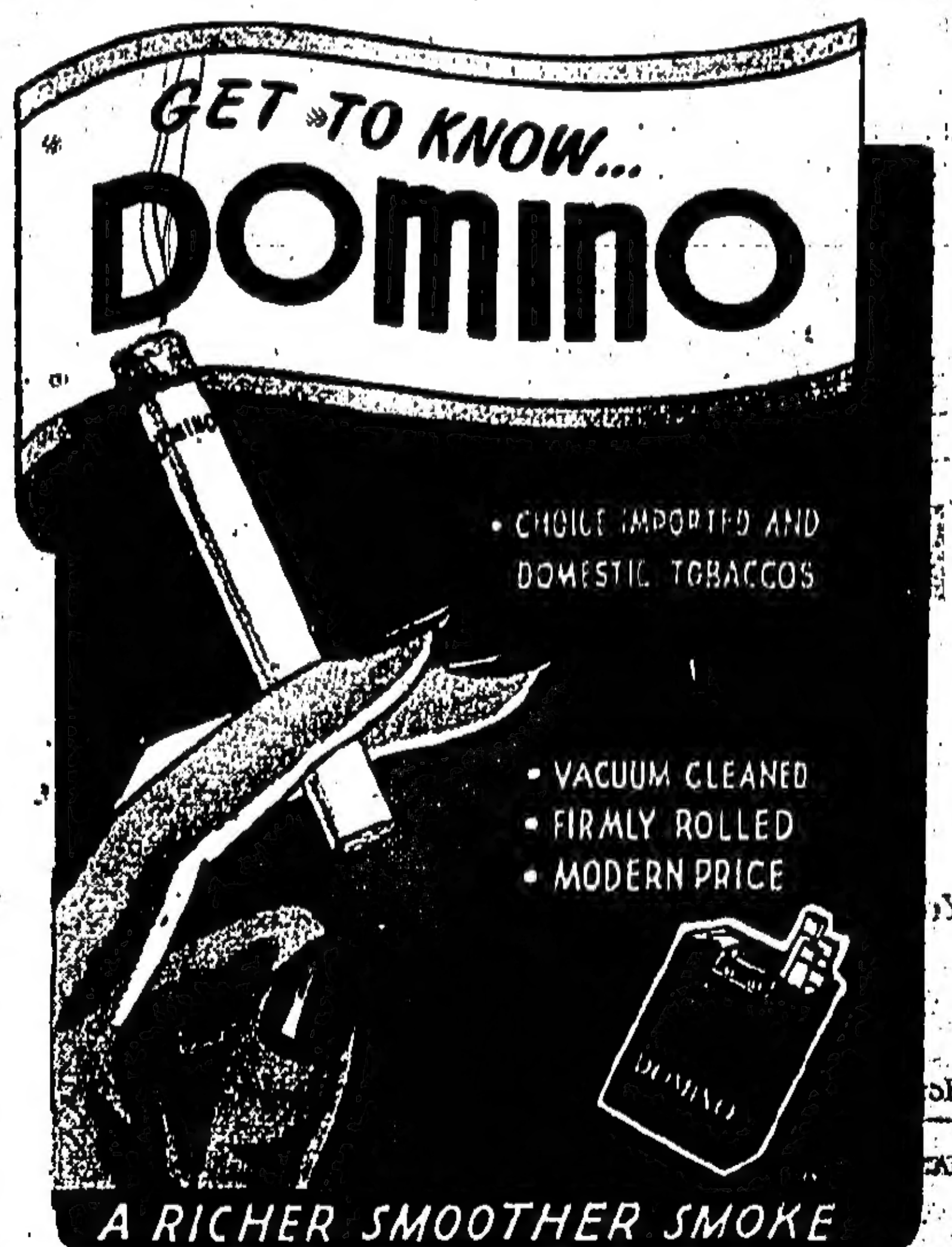
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New Siam Rice Company

BANGKOK, JAN. 5. THE SIAMESE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE ABOLITION OF THE PURCHASING BUREAU AND THE TRANSFER OF ITS FUNCTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT-OPERATED TRAIL RICE COMPANY IN NEW MEASURES TO PROTECT SIAM'S RICE TRADE AND TO PREVENT LOW QUALITY RICE BEING SHIPPED ABROAD.

It was understood that Siam's December rice shipments amounted to 52,106 tons, while another 34,040 tons are now being loaded; 16,400 tons for China, 9,870 tons for India, 9,330 tons for the Netherlands East Indies, and 1,210 tons for Burma.

Besides ensuring the quality of exports, about which Malaya has complained recently, the rice company will build up stocks for local consumption and will handle the whole country's paddy for distribution to the mills.

The company itself operates nine mills. The former Premier, Thawit Huayakot, Chief of the Purchasing Bureau, has been managing director of the Trail Rice Company.—Reuter.

Lausanne, Jan. 5.
Ex-King Michael of Rumania arrived here today at the end of his two-day journey from Bucharest.

A big basket of red and pink carnations decorated with the Rumanian colours was brought to the hotel for Queen Helen soon after her arrival.

Major Jacques Vercootti, Michael's aide-de-camp, said tonight that Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma would probably come to Lausanne. "But we do not know when," he said. "It is not certain how long we shall be able to stay in Switzerland. We have not yet received permission to stay here longer than tomorrow."

It had earlier been announced in Bern that Michael has been granted permission to stay in Switzerland temporarily. He made no request for permanent residence. It was understood.

The ex-King and his suite have been given ordinary Swiss visas valid for three months.

Mystery Boy

Michael and his mother Queen Helen and 28 members of his suite were met by Michael's uncle, Prince Nicolas of Rumania, and his aunt, the widowed Duchess of Aosta, who are staying with him at the hotel.

Police Uncover Illegal Arms

New York, Jan. 6.
The 65,000 pounds of TNT taken on Saturday from the Palestine-bound American freighter **Executer** lay in a lighter in New York Harbour today as the police found more military material in the warehouse from which the original shipment came.

Included in the new discoveries were mine detectors, walkie talkie sets and several hand trucks, loaded with blocks of metal described by officials as a type easily melted down to bullets.

The police were seeking two men connected with the warehouse, from which the explosives and other materials came, and have questioned the owner of a lorry business, one of whose vehicles delivered the explosives to the Jersey City pier.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, called in by the Customs Service, would make no statement, and the Coast Guard Service was equally reticent.

Customs officials said explosives for export required special permits and must be properly labelled.

The police wished to question Mr. Julius Chender, 27-year-old electrical engineer, in connection with the ownership of the warehouse, but his parents said that he had been in Paris for the past two years.

"Alpers"

Mr. Chender was quoted today by correspondents of the American-owned National Broadcasting Company in Paris as denying that he owned such a warehouse or that he was engaged in shipping arms or ammunition to Palestine.

"I have been interested in the Palestine situation since I was a kid," he told a correspondent. Mr. Philip Alpers, believed to be acting manager of the firm occupying the warehouse building, was another person the police wished to question, but at his address it was learned that he had been away all week-end.

The owner of the lorry business, William Hoffman, one of whose vehicles delivered the shipment of explosives to the Jersey City pier, said that when renting his lorries to the company which apparently operated the warehouse, he dealt with a man named "Alpers."

Mr. Hoffman declared that he rented his lorries to "Alpers" two or three times a month.

The officials of the American Export Line said that the **Executer** would sail for Marseilles and Mediterranean ports, including Haifa, tonight as originally scheduled.—Reuter.

THEY'RE A BIT DOUBTFUL

Moscow, Jan. 6. The Russian press today reported without comment the advent of a British independence but in a headline put questions about the world independence.—Reuter.

NO WORD OF MISSING U.S. MARINES

Taipei, Jan. 6.
Five American Marines, missing since Christmas on a hunting trip which took them into Chinese Communist territory, are still unheard from at Marine Headquarters here.

Marine sources refused to give details surrounding the disappearance of the men, except to say they had gone hunting.

A Chinese source said that the jeep belonging to the party was found beyond government lines, but showed no signs of violence.—Associated Press.

security police travelling on the train and railway officials.

Ex-King Michael's reasons for abdication from the Rumanian throne were: Political and only political; the King's private secretary told a Press conference in Lausanne tonight.

Not Ready For Atom Blitz

Cleveland, Jan. 6.
The president of the American Medical Association today warned that his profession was unprepared for atomic bomb attacks in which there would be mass casualties.

Dr. Edward Bortz, opening the AMA mid-year meeting, reminded 3,000 medical men assembled together that this was a time of "international disequilibrium and great social unrest."

He said neither doctors nor hospitals were prepared for large numbers of casualties "if an incident precipitates a major catastrophe in the near future."

The Philadelphia doctor advocated the establishment of widely-dispersed first aid teams in every community in the event of atomic bombardment and added that it was "high time" organized medicine played a large role in preparing members of the profession and allied groups for rendering emergency service in time of need.—United Press.

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15 New Vessels For China

SHANGHAI, JAN. 6.
THE CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LARGEST CONCERN OF ITS KIND IN CHINA, EXPECTS TO PUT ANOTHER 15 AMERICAN-BUILT SHIPS IN SERVICE BY NEXT MONTH. IT WAS REVEALED BY MR. SHEN SUNG-LIEN, THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPANY.

He also disclosed that negotiations are already under way for the purchase of big ocean liners of more than 10,000 tons from foreign countries.

Shipping circles here predicted that the total Chinese shipping tonnage this year will be increased from 950,000 tons to 1,500,000 tons.

The new ships which China will acquire this year will include 11 from Canada and six from Britain, all purchased by the Ming Sung Shipping Company, a private concern.—Reuter.

U.S. Sends Marines To Med.

Morehead City, N.C., Jan. 5.
United States Marines, estimated to be 300 to 1,000 strong, sailed for the Mediterranean today.

Virtual wartime secrecy was clamped on the operation, but waterfront watchers reported that they had full combat equipment, including tanks and guns.

The two transports loaded with Marines left a day ahead of the departure date mentioned in the Navy announcement last week. The Marines' mission, according to the announcement, was to reinforce warship personnel in Italian and Grecian waters, but they carried heavy weapons and other equipment usually used in land operations, including bulldozers. They rode to the docks in jeeps and trucks.

Coincident with the abrupt sailing came the Navy announcement that Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, top-level strategist, would take over command of the United States Mediterranean Fleet from Vice-Admiral B. H. Blier in the first week of February.

Admiral Sherman, who is 51, has been Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.—United Press.

Trieste Issue Deadlock

Rome, Jan. 6.
Italy and Yugoslavia appeared to have reached a deadlock today over the choice of a government for Trieste and it seemed most unlikely that any agreement would be reached by midnight tonight—after three hours' set by the United Nations Security Council.

The talks, requested by the Council, had so far resulted in complete failure, at the Italian Foreign Office.

Three names suggested by Yugoslavia have been turned down by Italy as have two names put forward by Italy.

Today, Italy suggested a third name, but the Yugoslav reaction was not known.

If no solution is found, Italy and Yugoslavia will inform the Security Council of their inability to reach an agreement.

It was presumed that the United Nations would then take on the responsibility of choosing a Trieste governor.

The closest reserve was being maintained on the names suggested by Italy and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

MOSQUITO PLANES FOR CHINA

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 6.
Owners of the Canadian freighter, **Islandide**, said today that the vessel would sail for China on Friday with six Mosquito aircraft and 500 tons of ammunition for the Chinese Government.

The owners said the sailing date was set after members of the Canadian Government's United Nations Committee for the Relief of the Chinese had walked off the **Islandide**, protesting the shipment of surplus Canadian war material to China.

Mr. H.G. McRae, 1941 Canadian president of the CNU, said the crew would be sailing with the vessel, but the ship would be under the command of a Chinese officer.—United Press.

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"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	19th Jan.
"OZARDA"	Bombay via Straits	20th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	22nd Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	29th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
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"POYANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Surabaya & Batavia	4 p.m. 12th Jan.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 13th Jan.
"ANHUI"	Singapore & Penang	10 a.m. 16th Jan.
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"FENGTIEN"	Java, Singapore	4 p.m. 7th Jan.
"SINKIANG"	Pusan	6 p.m. 7th Jan.
"POYANG"	Kobe & Shanghai	9th Jan.
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Swatow, Tainan and Amoy (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.10 a.m.

Airmail for Manila P.L. Hongkong, U.S.A. and Canada (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Manila P.L. (Reg.) 8 p.m. (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Luchow and Kungming (Reg.) 8.30 p.m. (Ord.) 9 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

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Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Straits, Aden and Egypt, 2 p.m.

Hollow, 8 p.m.

Shanghai, 8 p.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Kongmoon, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.10 a.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (Reg.) 1 p.m. (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Fuzhou, Amoy and Foshan (Reg.) 1 p.m. (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m.

Tainan and Calcutta, 10 a.m.

Hollow and Saigon, 10 a.m.

Straits, Aden and Egypt, 10 a.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Straits, Egypt and Marseilles (Par.) 2 p.m. (Reg.) 3.30 p.m. (Ord.) 4 p.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Kongmoon, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.10 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, Nanking, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi), Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo, Augusta and London, K.L. G.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Hollow (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

BEVIN FACED BY A LOT OF WORRIES

London, Jan. 5.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, will return to London from a short holiday on Wednesday.

Among priority subjects for his attention are the aspects of British policy in Germany and consideration of the latest Soviet note on the Far Eastern peace settlement.

His report on the situation arising from the failure of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers, containing possible alternatives which now face British policy, is known to be completed.

The Foreign Secretary is expected to receive on Wednesday the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ronald Campbell, now visiting England, to discuss the usefulness of reopening the talks with Egypt on revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

Sir Ronald will, in the meantime, discuss with officials of the Foreign Office the impressions which he had gathered from his latest exchanges of views with the Egyptian Government.

Reports from Cairo that a ready-made groundwork of mutual concessions exists for a resumption of the talks are being treated with caution here.

There is no official confirmation of Egyptian willingness to make concessions on the subject of the Sudan nor of British readiness to fix an early date for the withdrawal of troops from the Canal Zone.

There is some evidence that Egypt might be ready to re-examine the Sudan question, provided that a formula can be discovered which does not appear as an admission of defeat on the issue which the Egyptian Government unsuccessfully carried to the United Nations.

Mr. Bevin will probably also meet the Prime Minister of Iraq, Sayid Salim Jabur, on Wednesday to open negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Iraq treaty.

The Iraq Premier is expected in London tomorrow evening or early on Wednesday.—Reuter.

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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

ARRIVALS FROM

Poole via Bangkok:

Jan. 10, BOAC (Capt. Townsend), 2.10 p.m.

Manila:

Jan. 8, Cathay Pacific, 12 noon.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Jan. 7, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai:

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.

Jan. 7, H.K. Airways (Capt. Robern), 3.30 p.m.

Jan. 9, H.K. Airways (Capt. Varley), 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):

Jan. 8, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):

Jan. 7, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Singapore:

Jan. 9, Air France, 2 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok:

Jan. 7, BOAC (Capt. Simco), 8 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Jan. 9, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Singapore:

Jan. 10, BOAC (Capt. Rudd), 7.30 a.m.

Manila:

Jan. 7, Philippine Airline, 7.30 a.m.

Jan. 7, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai:

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 11.45 a.m.

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Denbighshire (Jardine's) 5,895 tons from Singapore (Capt. W. F. Dork)

Holt's Wharf.

Empire Wharf (Jardine's) 275 tons from Saigon (Capt. G. E. Harris)

Macoma (A.P.L.) 4,716 tons from Manila (Capt. E. Roukema)

Nan Chang (Ta Hing) 2,398 tons from Saigon (Capt. P. Volante)

Free Munroe (A.P.L.) 1,157 tons from Saigon (Capt. J. E. Murphy)

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